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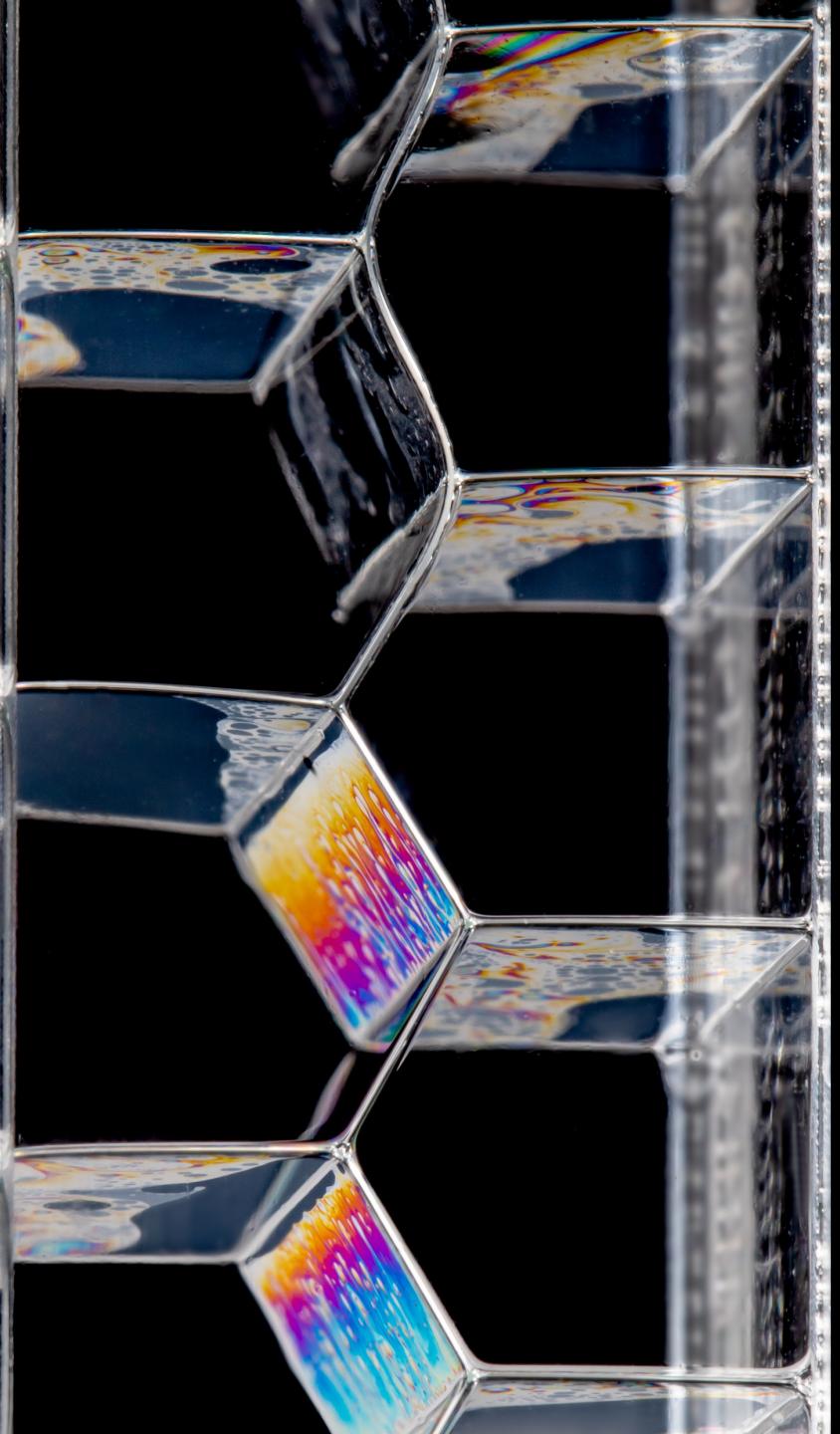
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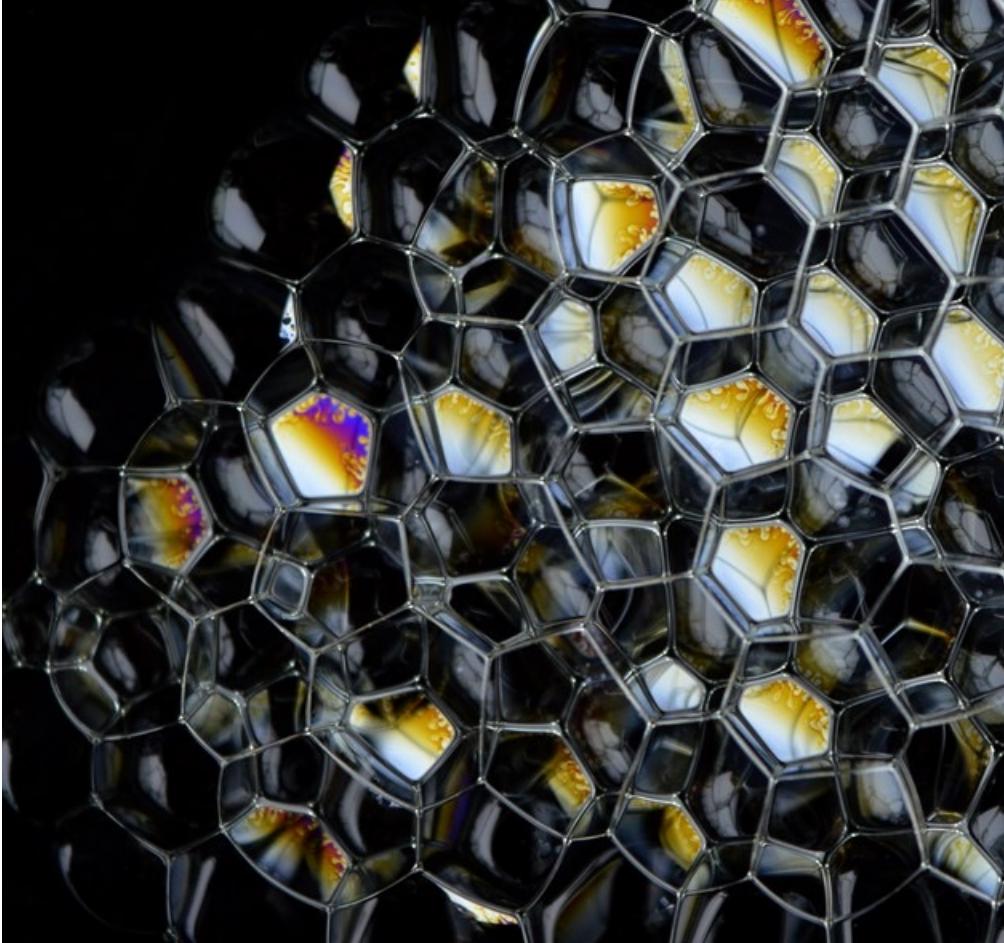


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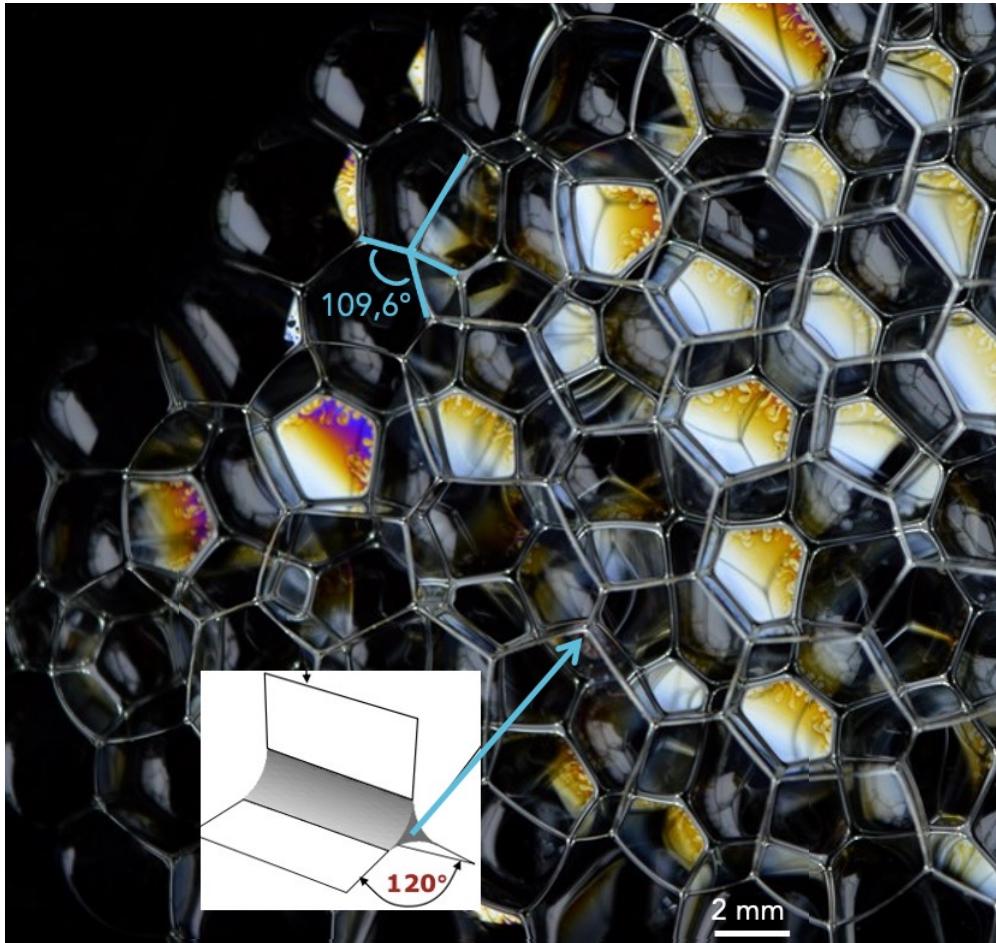
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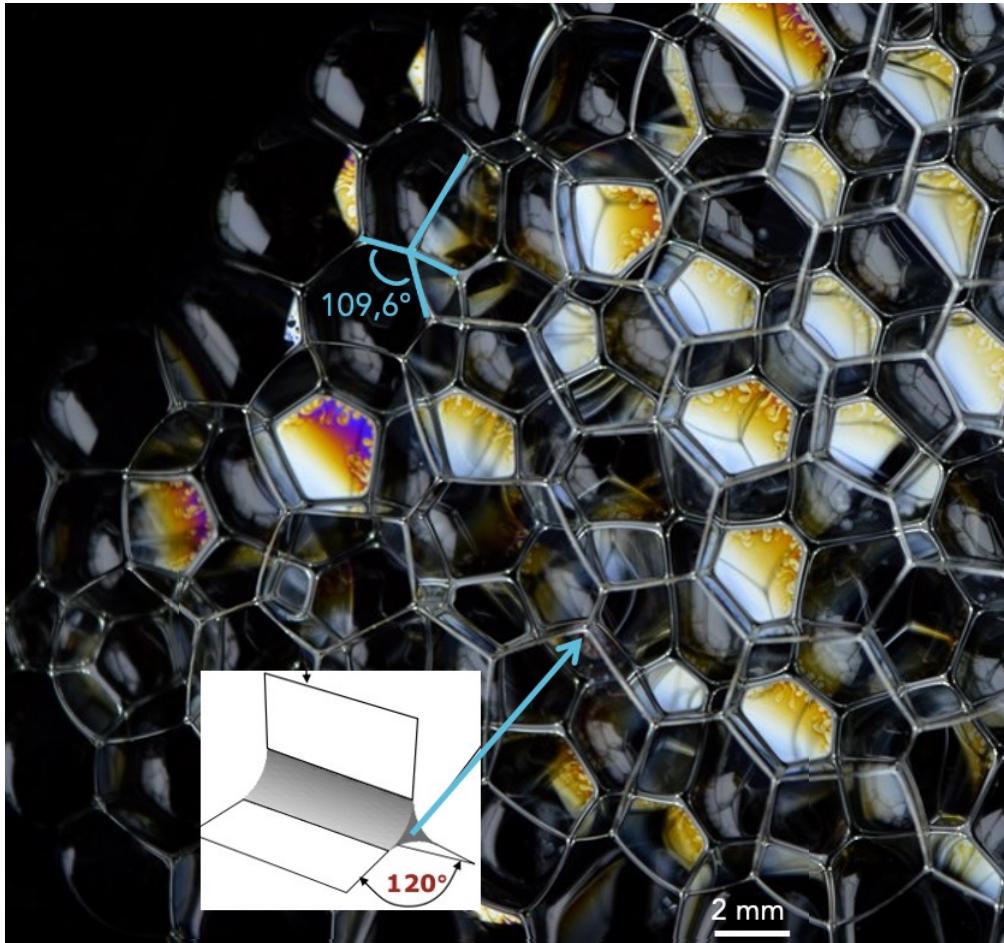
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Solid foams

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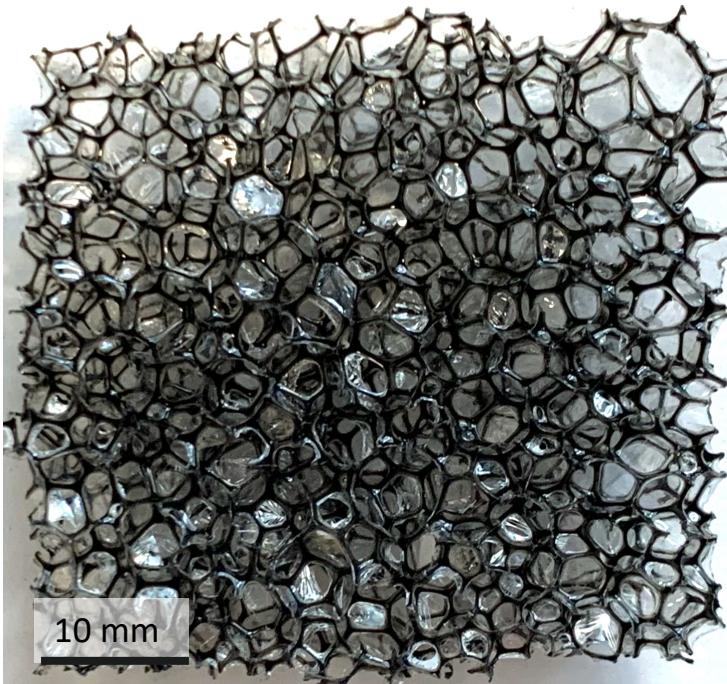
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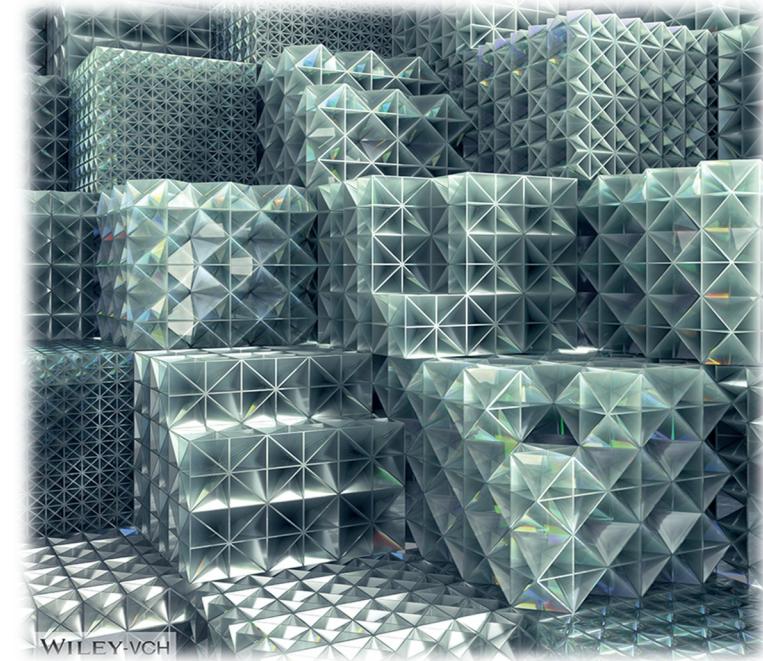
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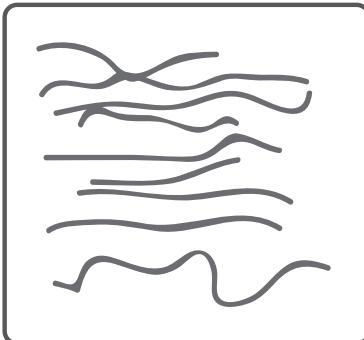
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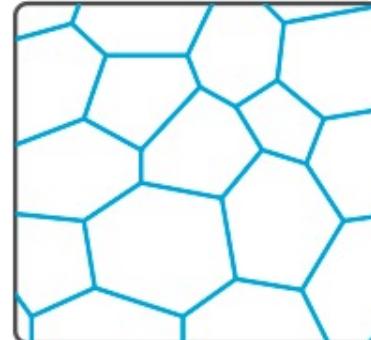
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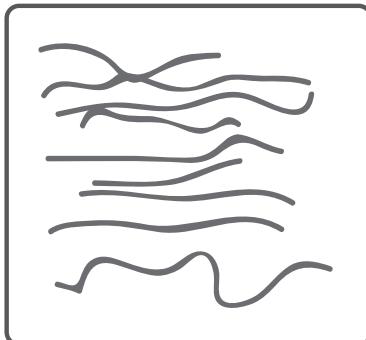
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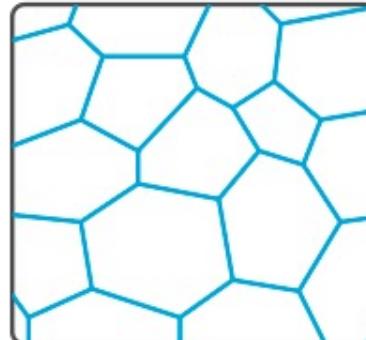
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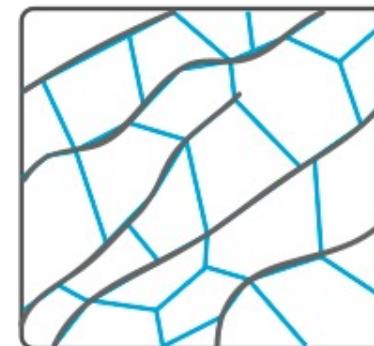
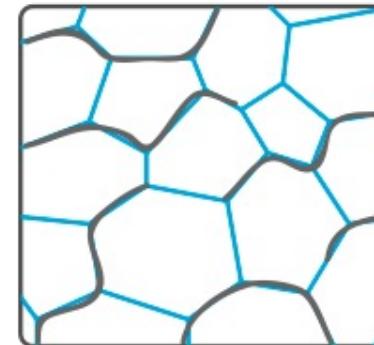
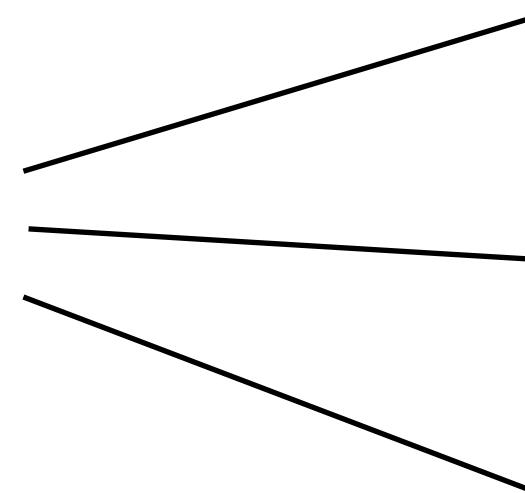


Liquid foam

energies

$$\text{interfacial} \quad \sum (\gamma_i A_i)$$

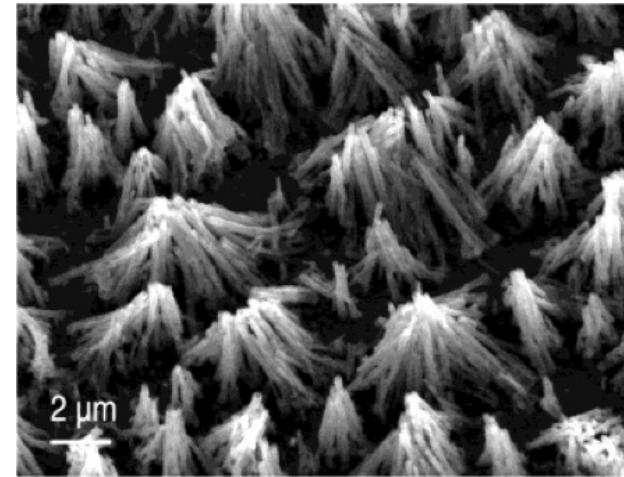
$$\text{bending} \sim \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L B(\kappa(s) - \kappa_o)^2 ds$$



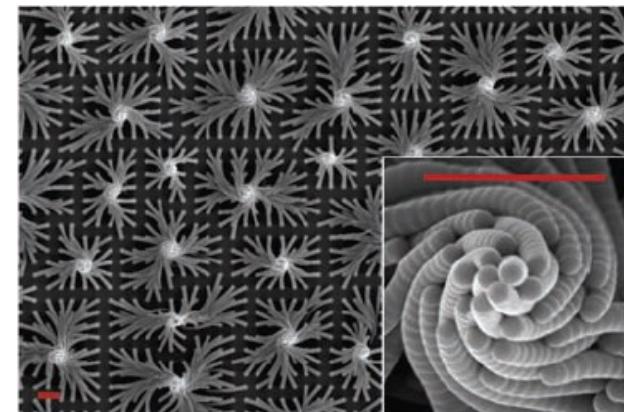
100-1000 μm

increasing
bending rigidity

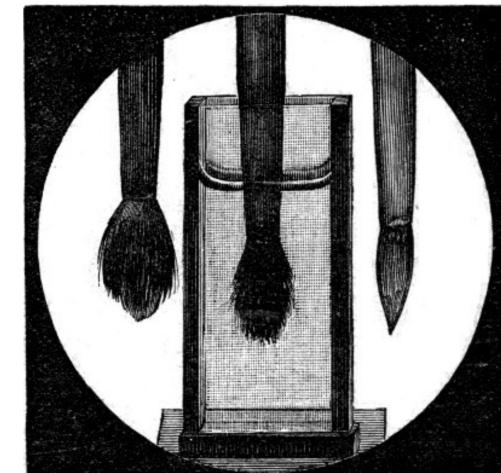
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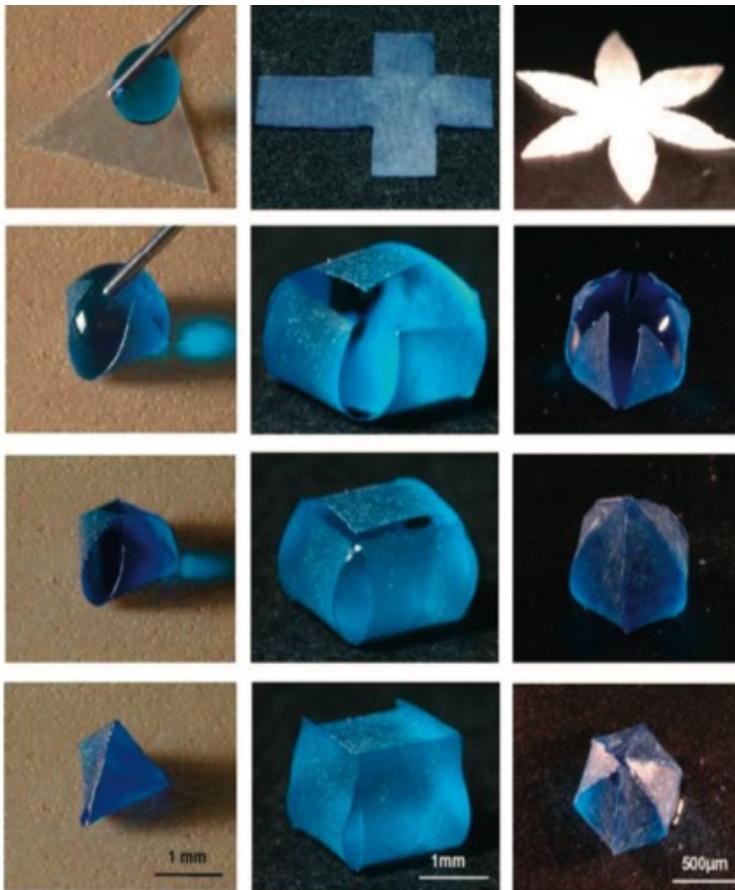


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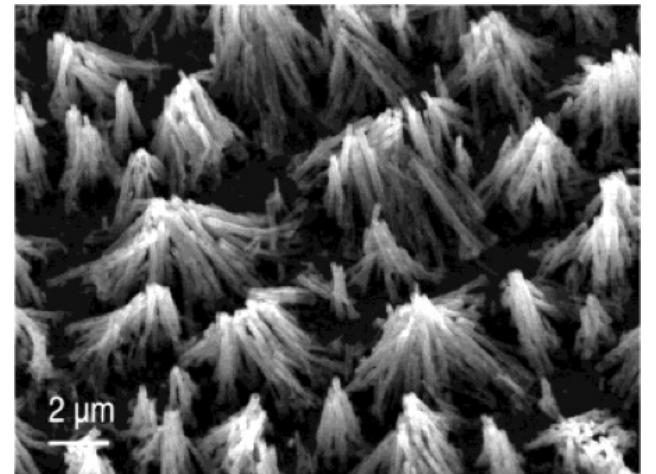
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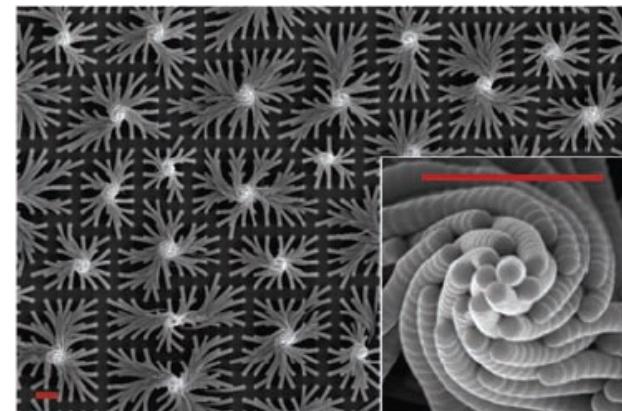
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Liquid/Interface

surface tension γ

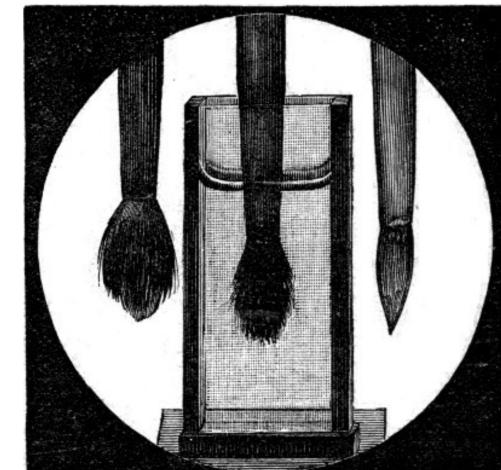
Elastic material

Young's modulus E

Geometry

bending rigidity

geometry of interfaces



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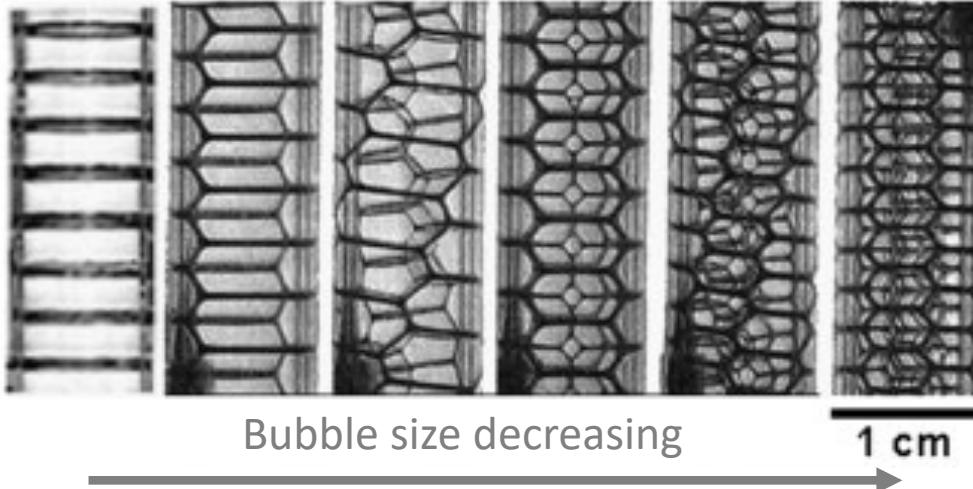
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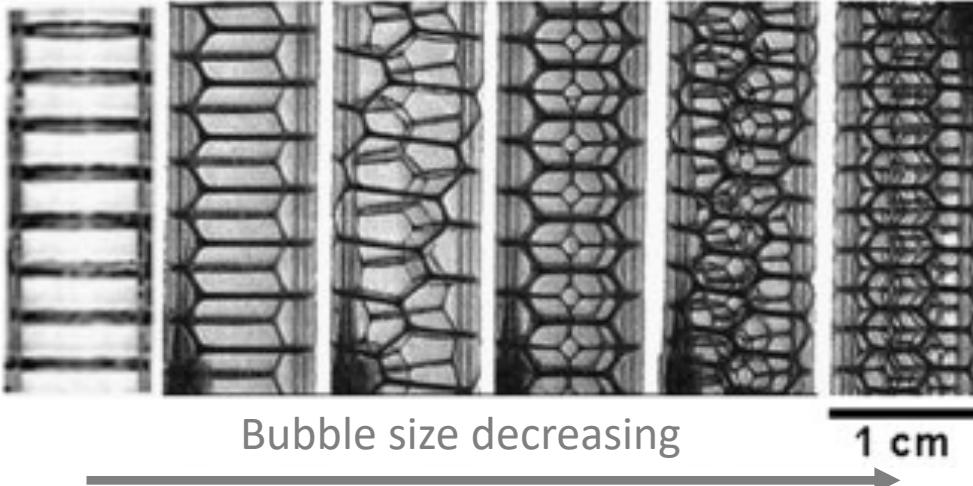
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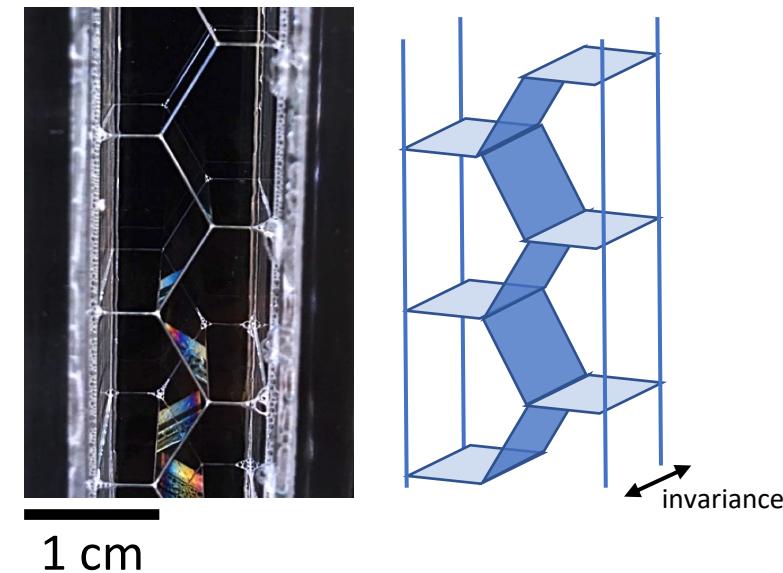


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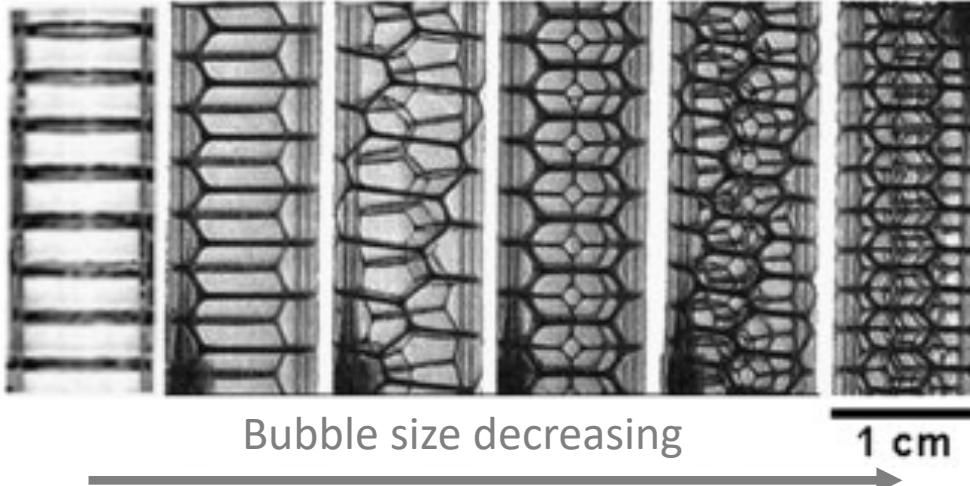


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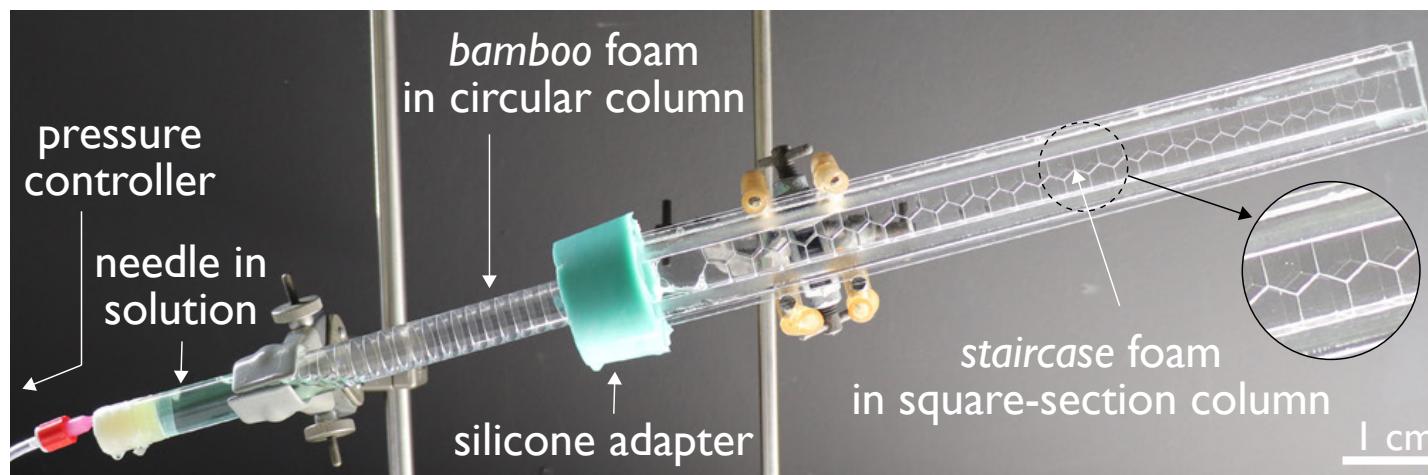
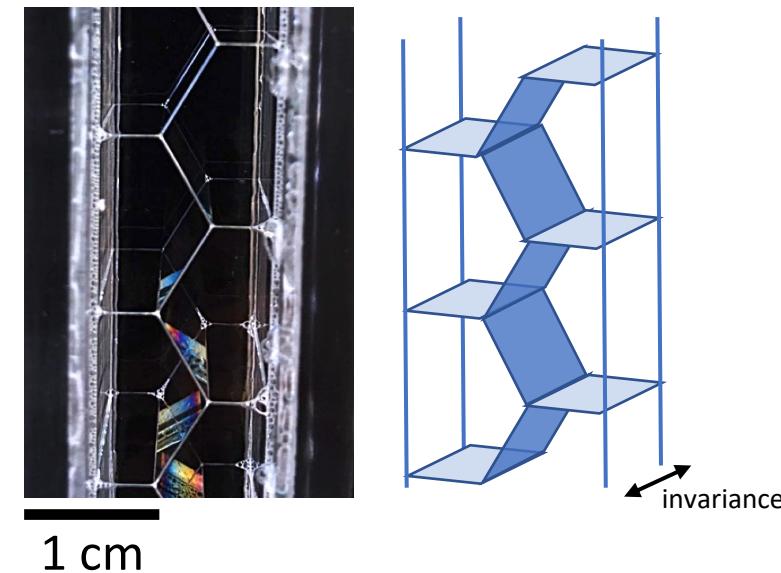


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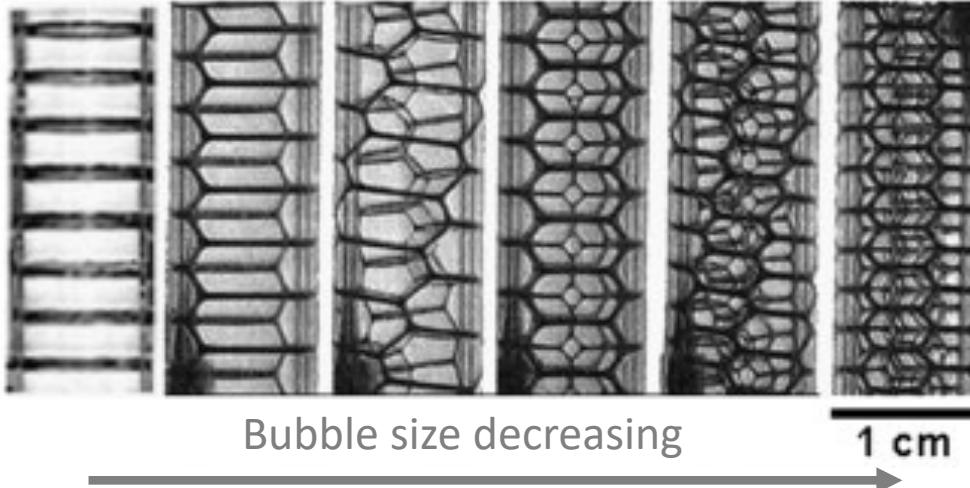


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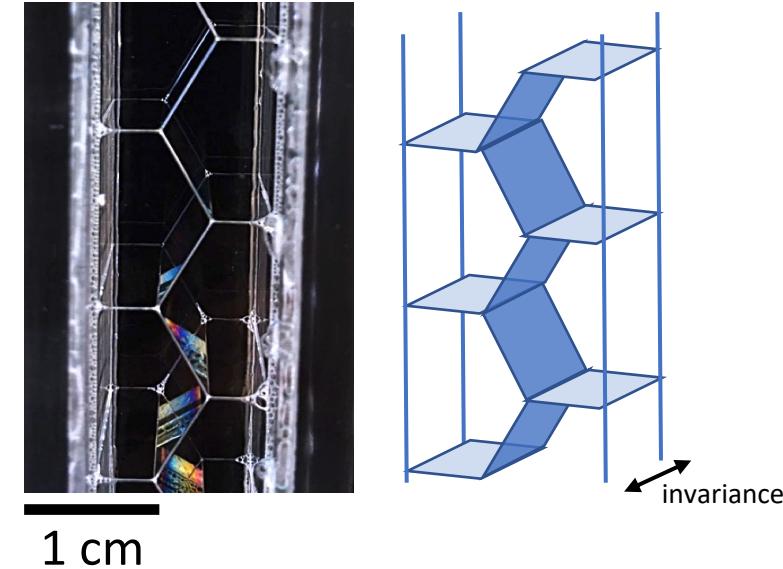


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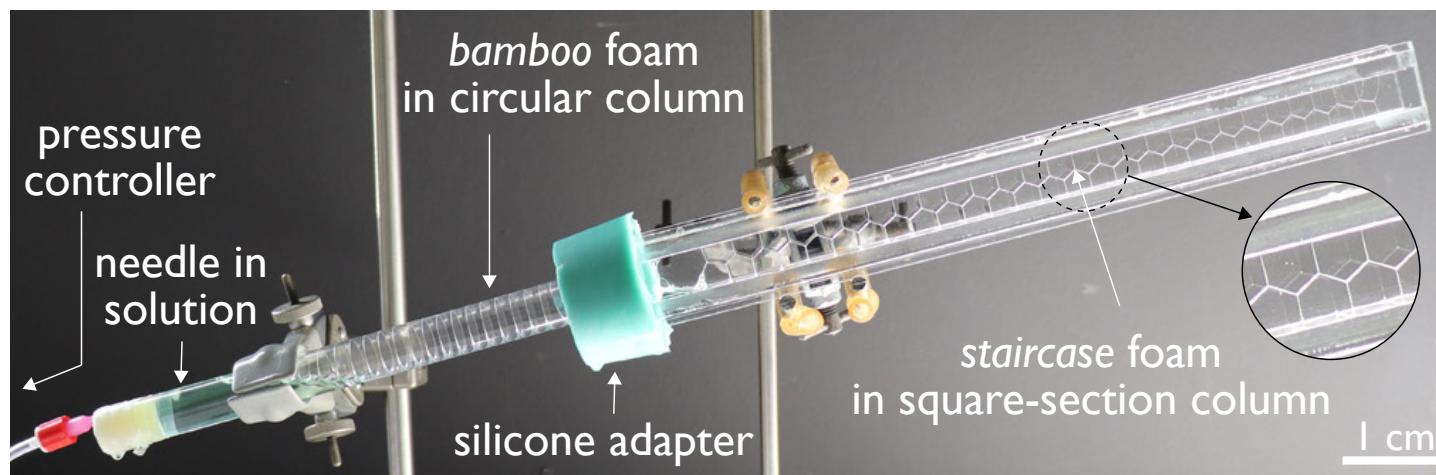


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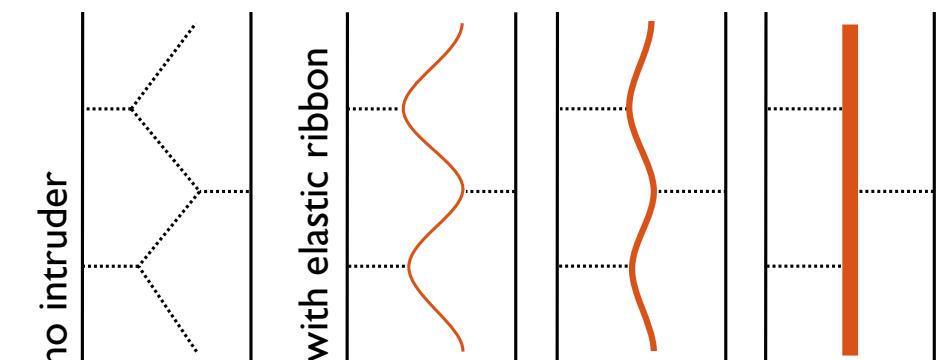


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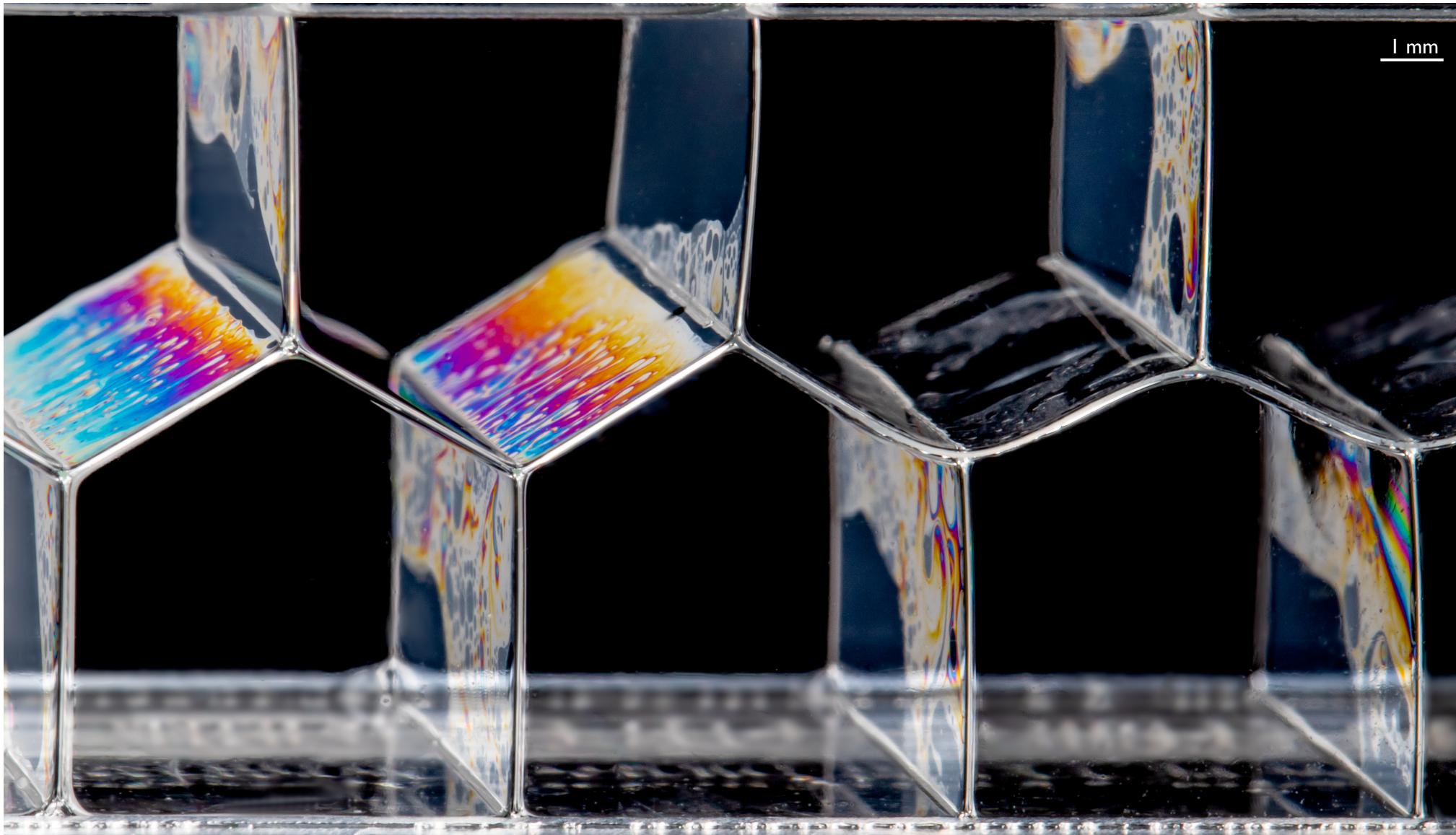
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Insertion of an elastic ribbon



Bubble column + ribbon



X-ray tomography measurements



Minamec platform, ICS



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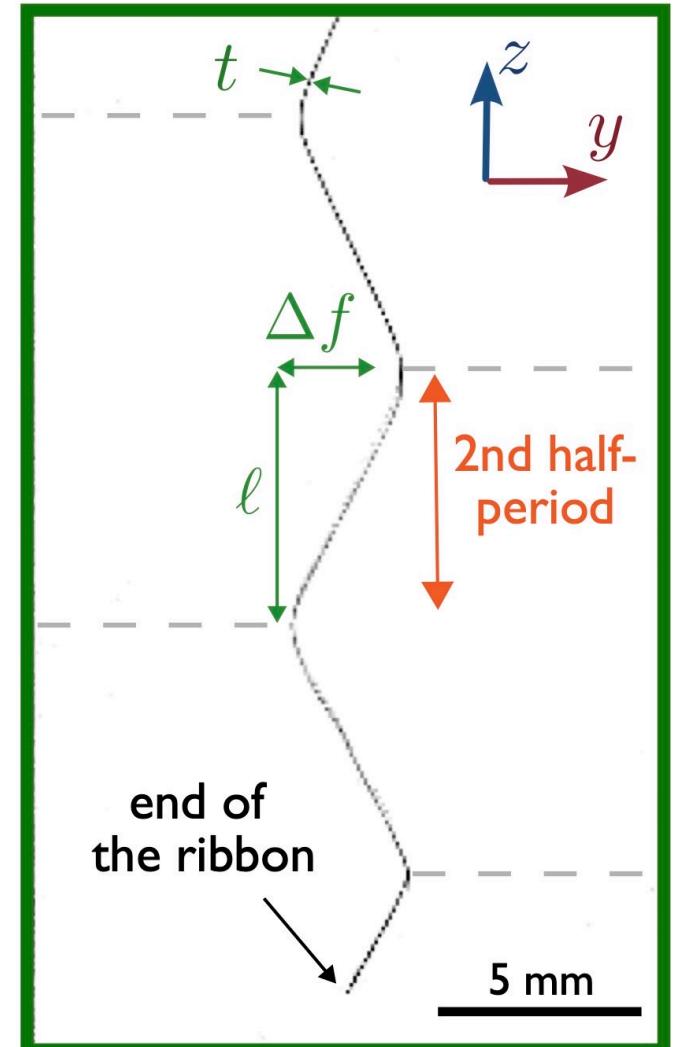
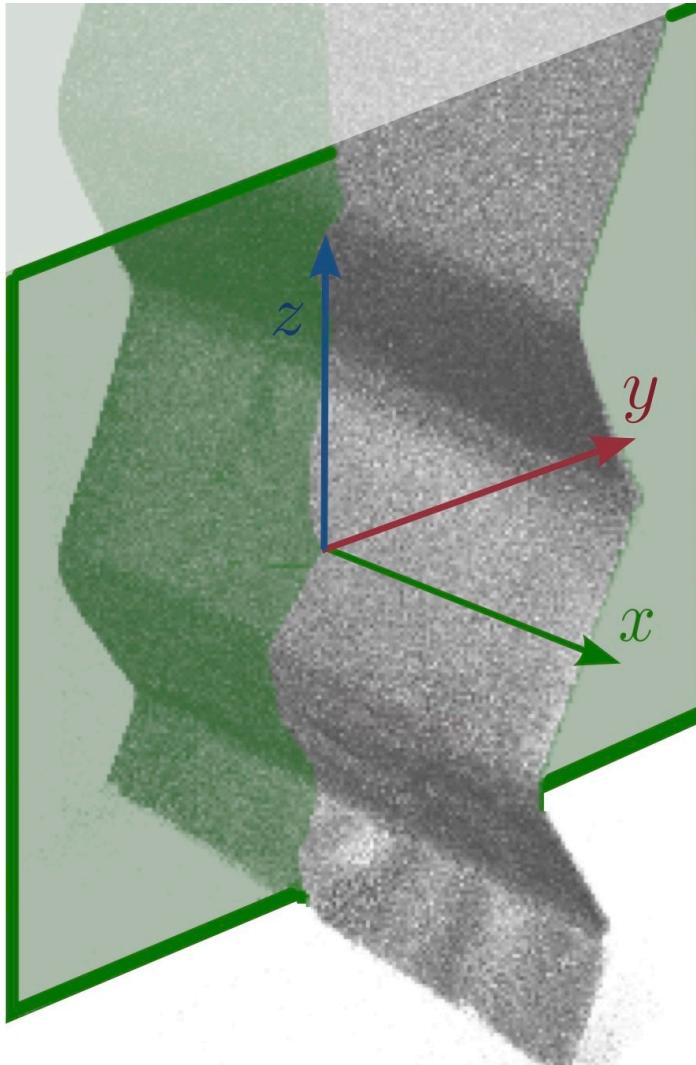
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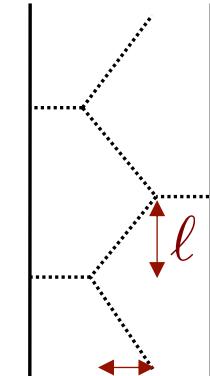
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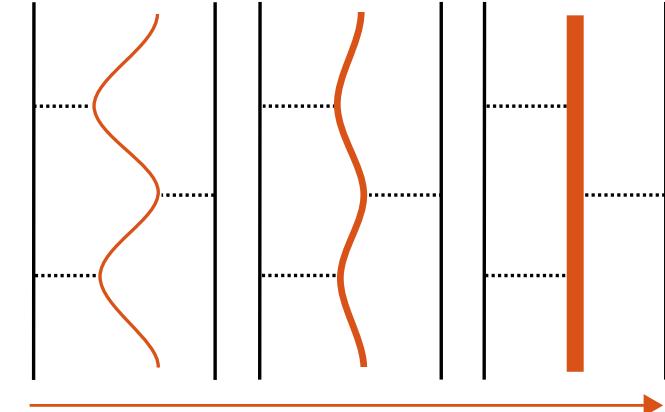
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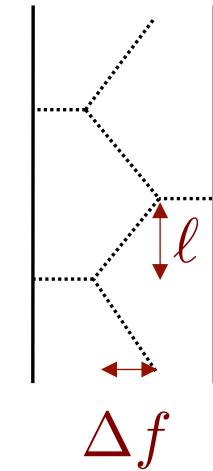
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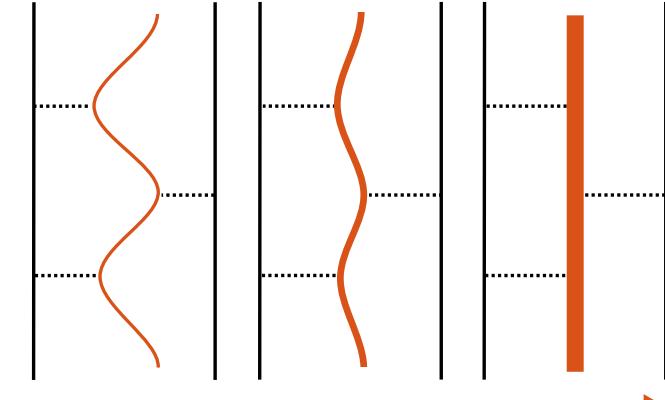
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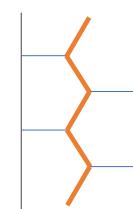
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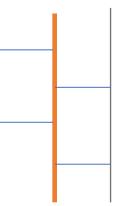
Energy minimisation (Euler-Lagrange) with constant ribbon total length L

$$E_{\text{tot}} = E_{\text{bending}} + E_{\text{interfaces}} - E_{\text{interfaces without ribbon}}$$

- Number of bubbles in contact with the ribbon not constant
- Quadratic approximation around two limit cases
- Resolution provides $\frac{\sqrt{3}\Delta f}{l}$ as a function of $\eta = \frac{B}{w\gamma l^2} = \frac{\alpha}{\gamma l^2}$



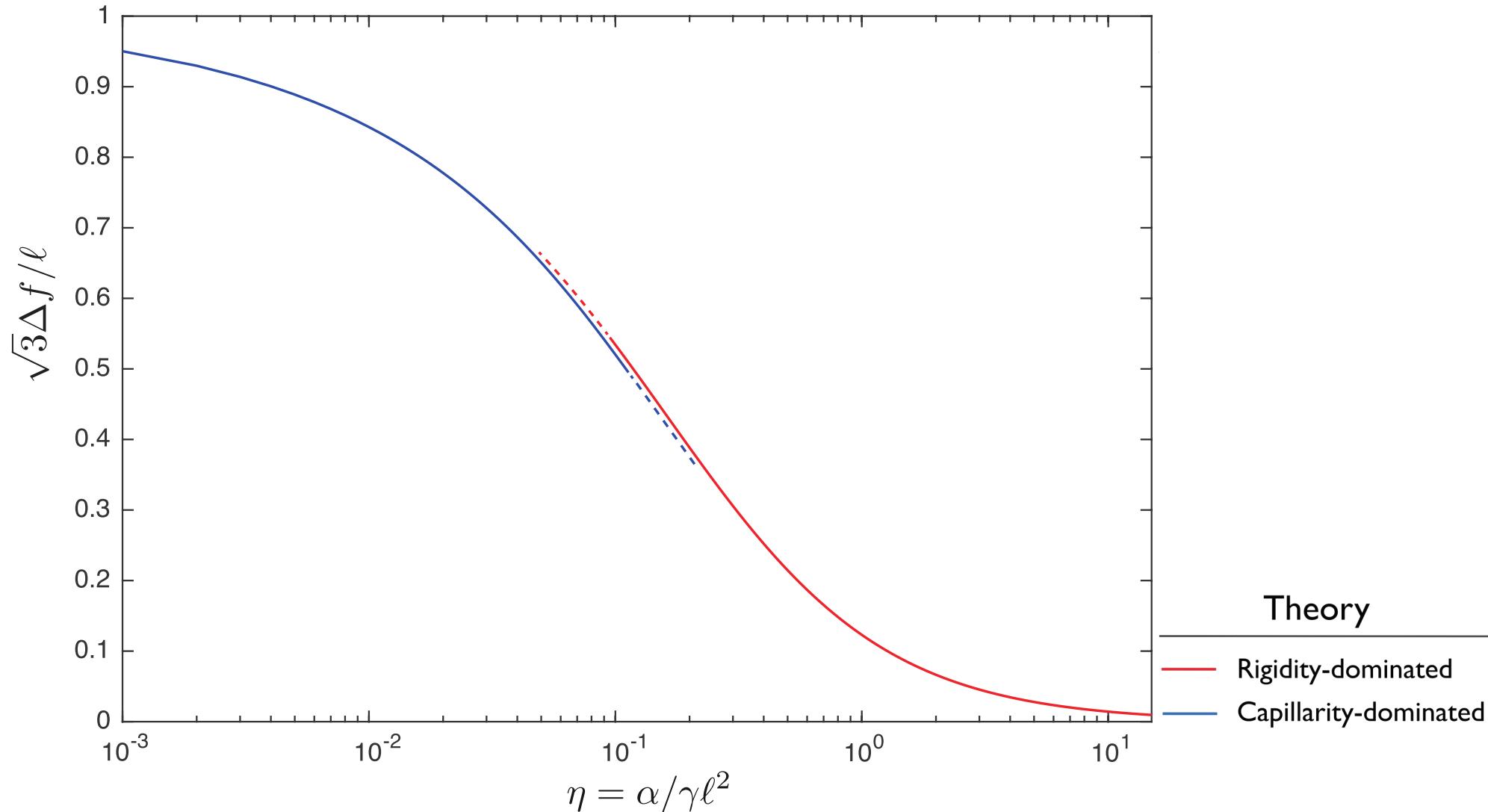
Ultra-flexible



Ultra-rigid

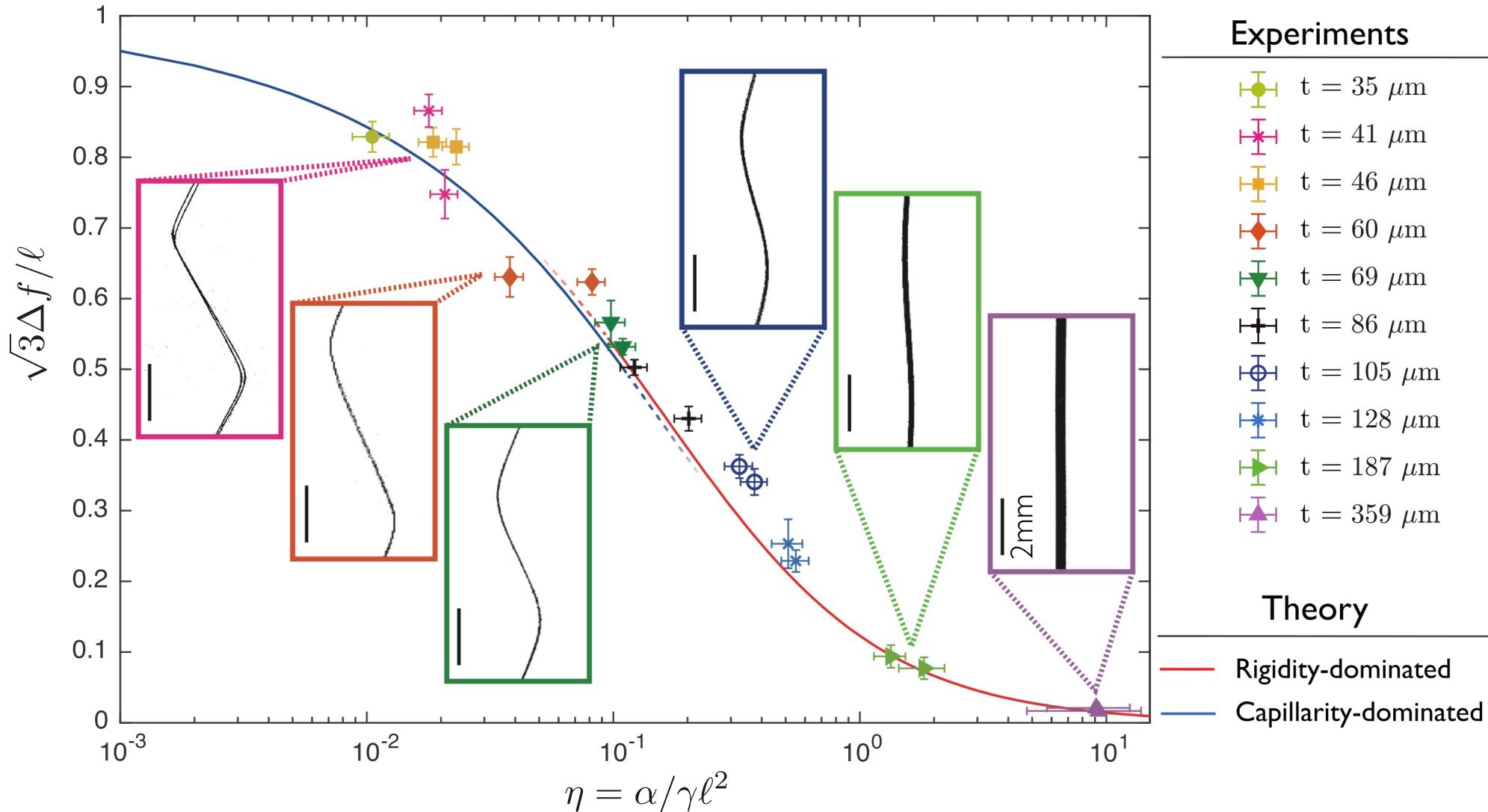
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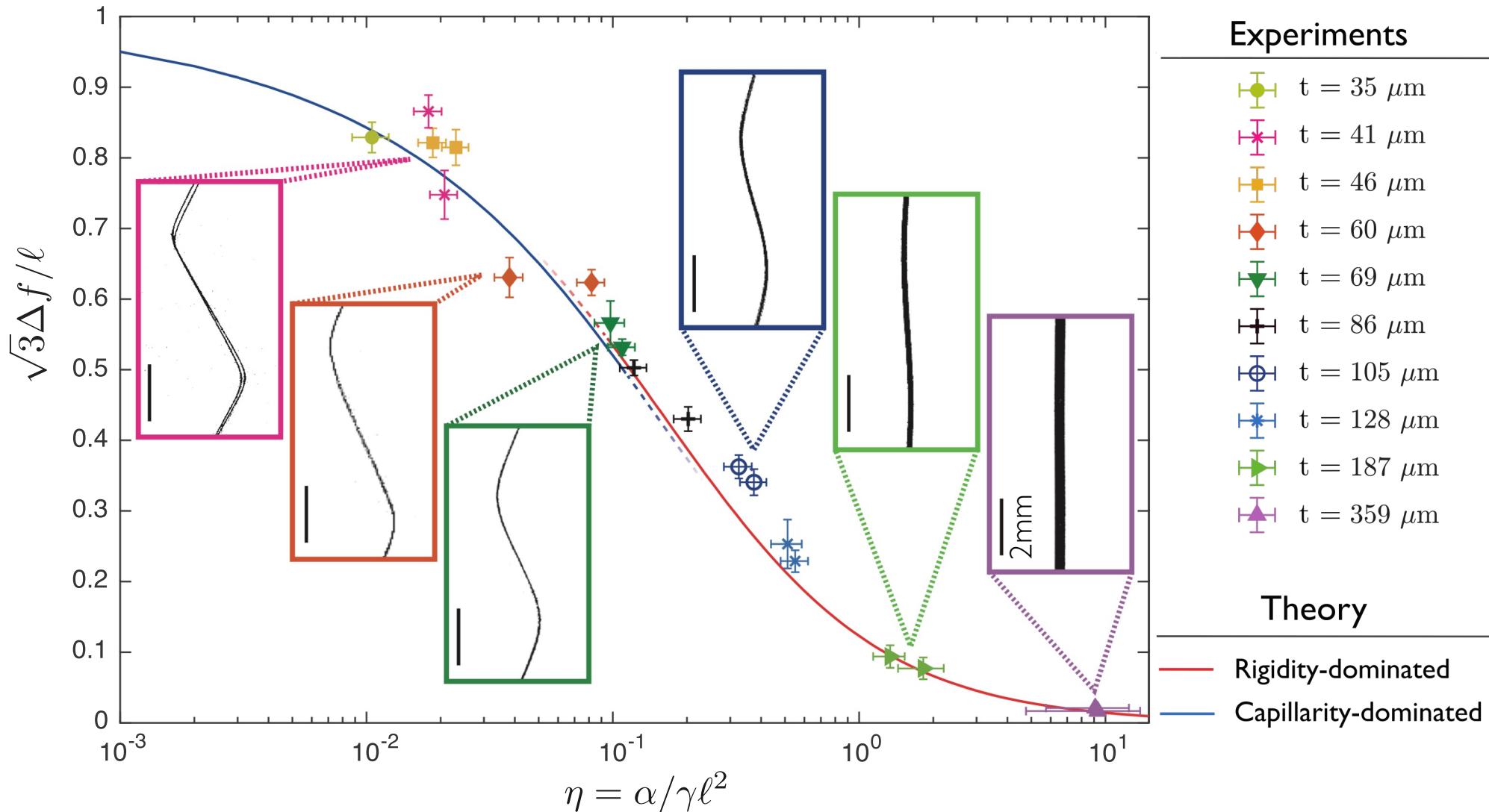
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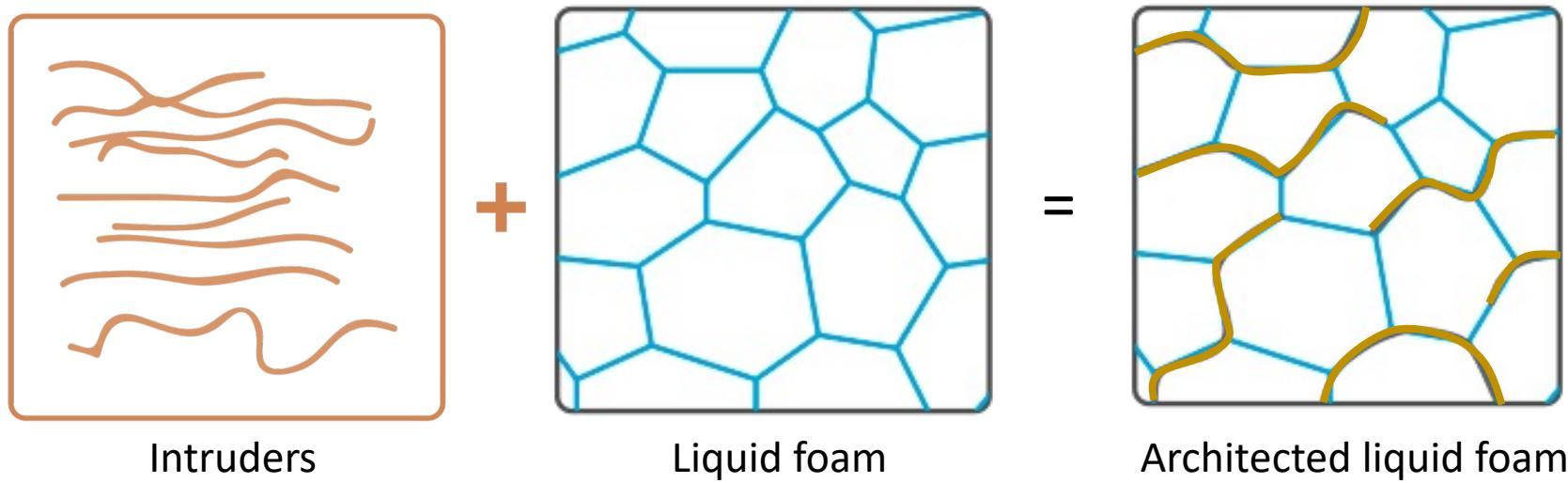
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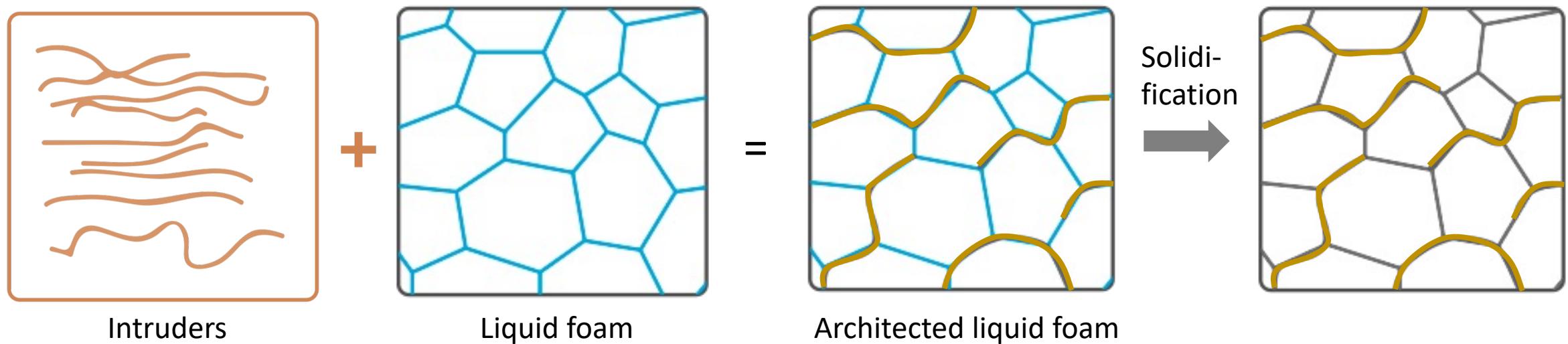
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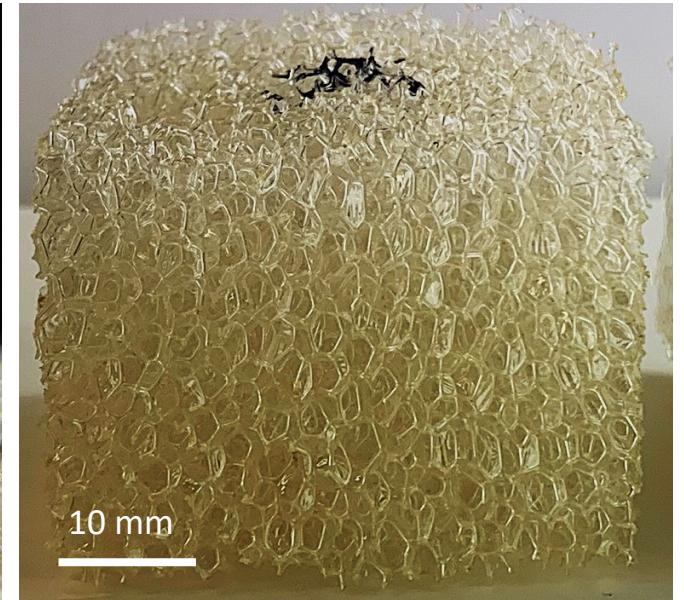
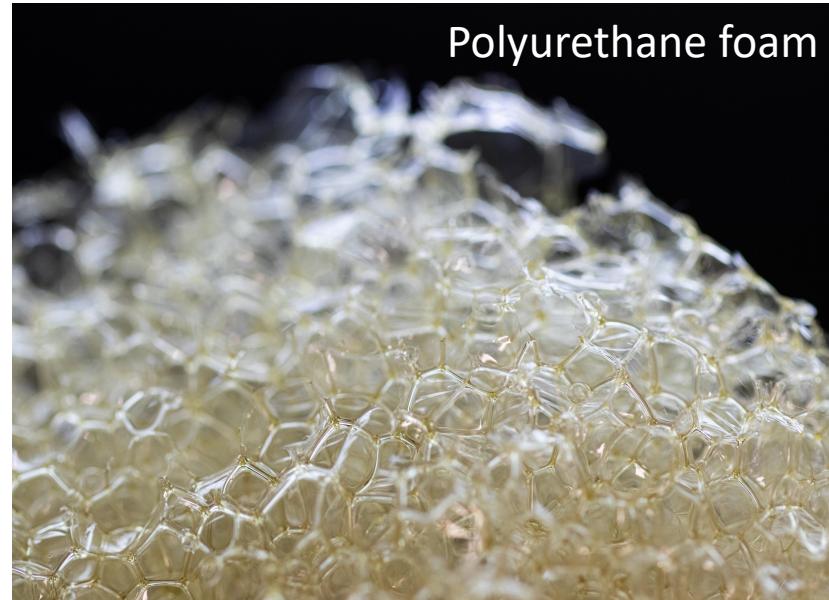
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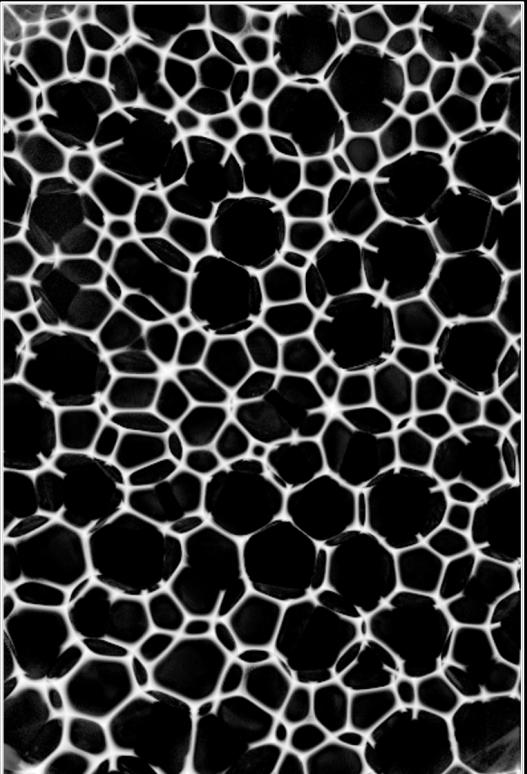


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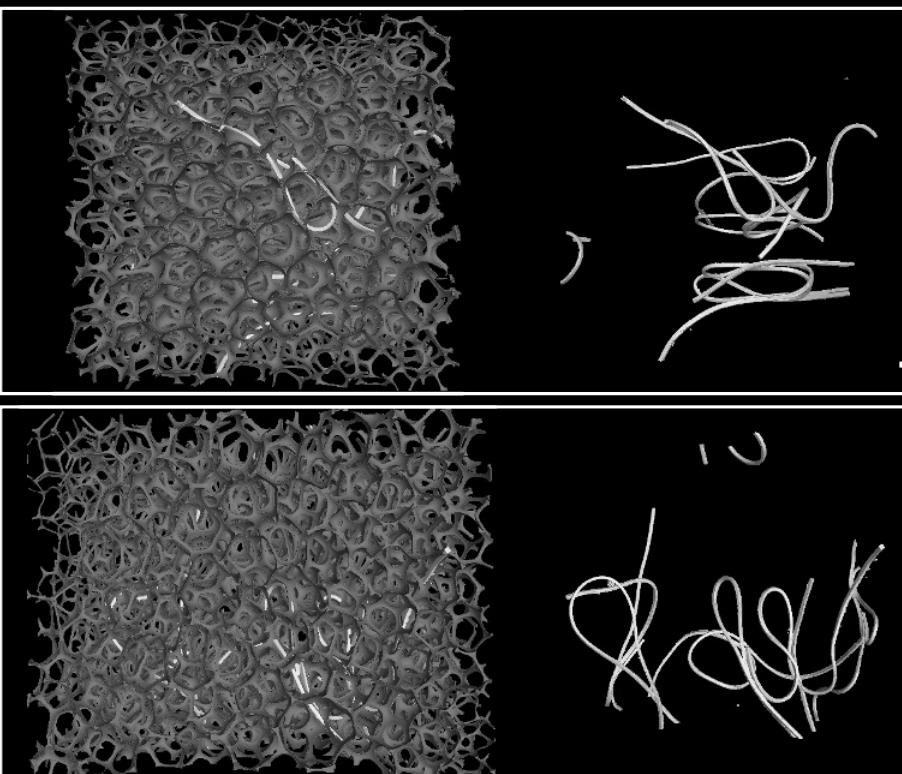
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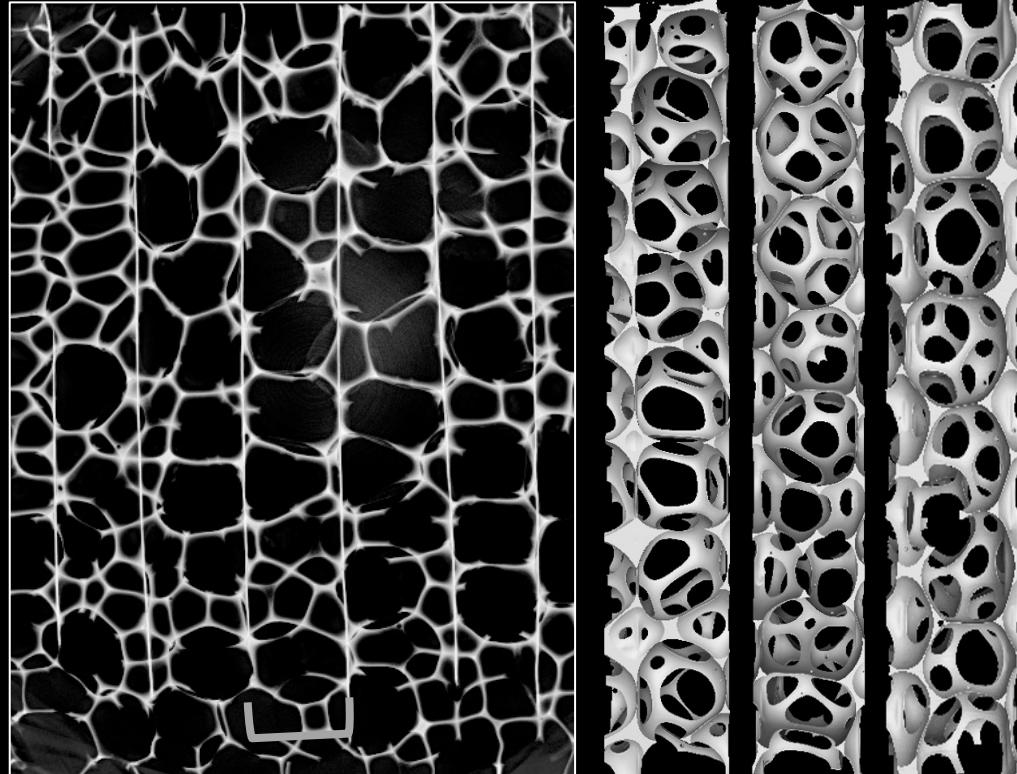
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Disordered fibres



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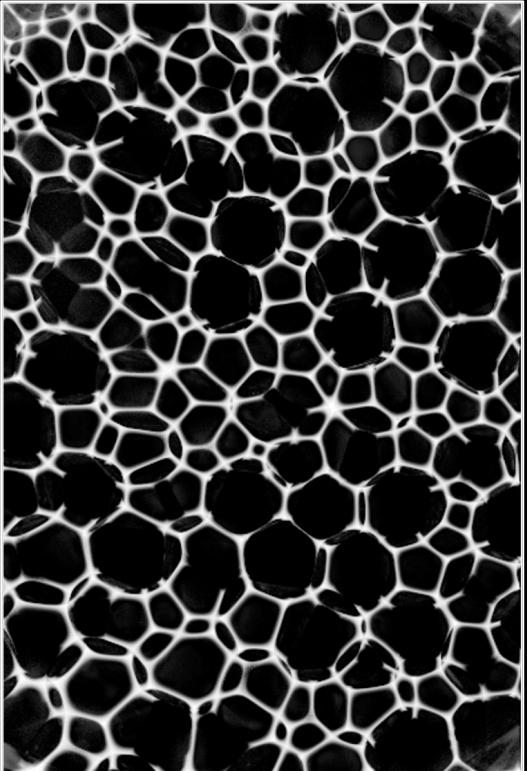
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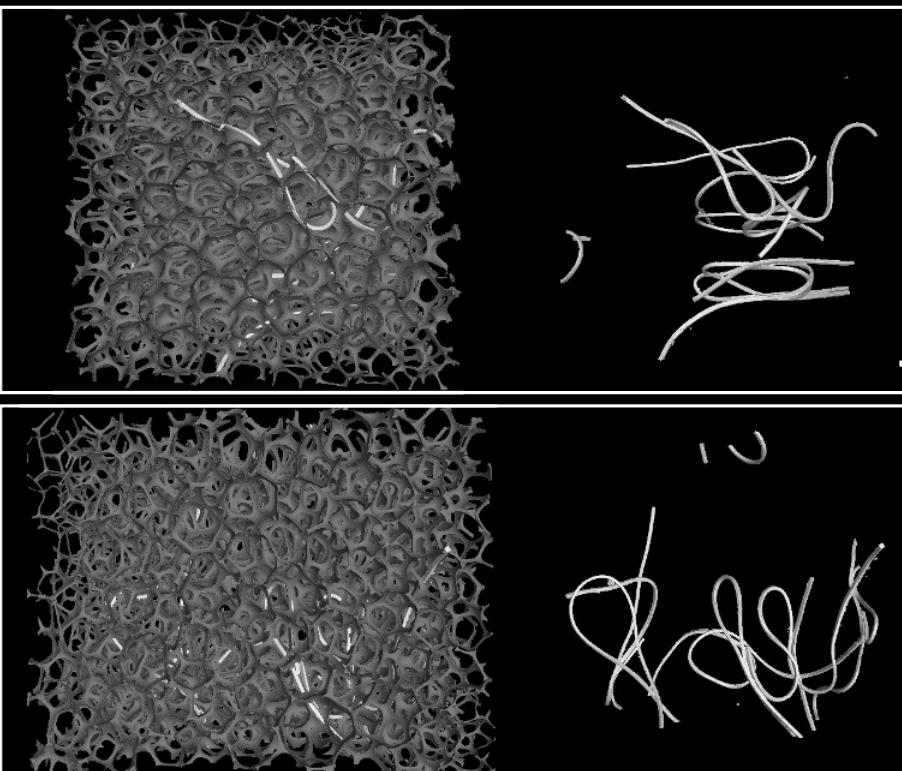
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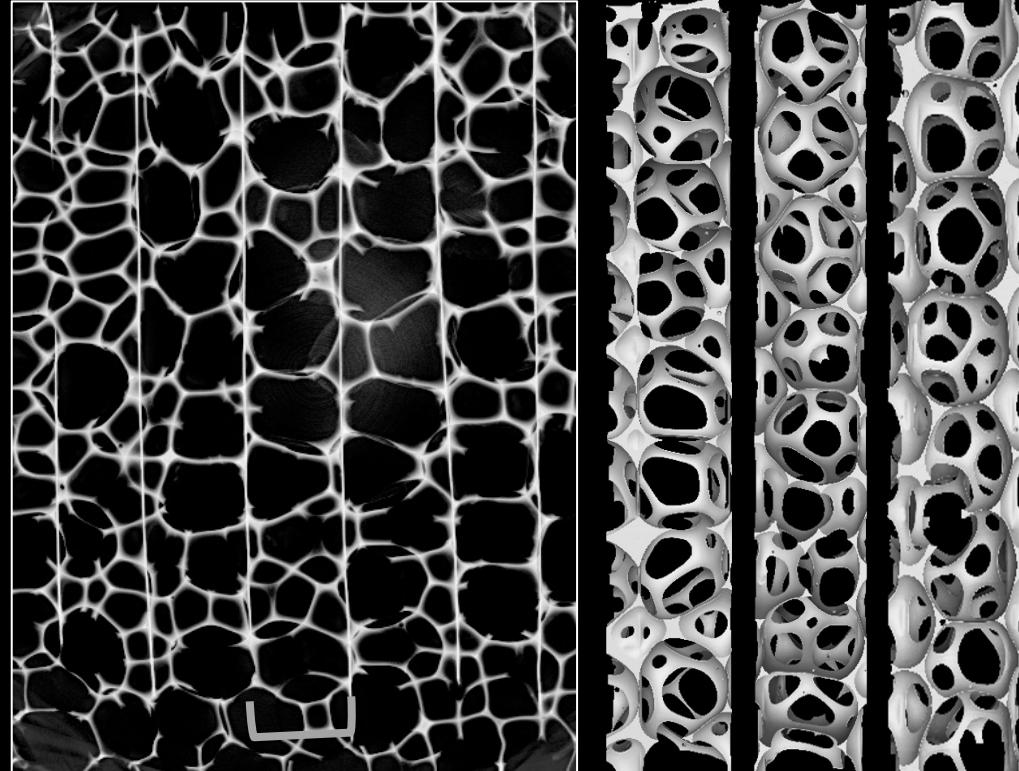
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Structural characterisation?
Structure/property relations?

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